(*g*) whether it is not possible to increase the extent of wet lands even though the construction of a feeder channel of the tank may be a little costly ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 1896, 1915, 1927 and 1940.

(*d*) G. O. No. R. 3942-51/L. R. 465-17-13, dated 13-2-1922 (copy enclosed).

(*e*) This has to be investigated.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) No. The cost of a feeder channel is prohibitive.

MR. SHIVANAGERE NARANAPPA (Sira—Urban).—

Q.—118. With tae Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a lacquer indusrry class was opened in Urdu Middle School at Sira ; if so, in what year ;

(*b*) the difficulty to introduce the same lacquer industry in the Kannada Middle School ;

(*c*) the present number of students in this class ;

(*d*) whether any action is being taken for introducing lacquer industry class in the Kannada Middle School ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).—

A. (*a*) A practical instruction class in lacquer work was opened in the Urdu Middle School, Sira, in 1939.

(*b*) This has not been considered till now as there was presumably no demand. However orders have been issued recently to the effect that students of the Kannada Middle School may be permitted to attend these classes in the Urdu Middle School if they desire.

(*c*) One.

(*d*) *Vide* reply to Clause (*b*).

PATEL BASAPPA (Shimoga—Rural).—

Q.—120. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) from how many years written applications have been submitted to Government requesting that a bridge may be constructed to the Bhadra river at Holehonnur, Shimoga Taluk ;

(*b*) how many petitions have been received in the matter from the public ;

(*c*) how many resolutions were passed in the District Board and Conference meetings urging the necessity for a bridge in this place and sent to Government ;

(*d*) whether a survey has been made for the estimate of the bridge ;

(*e*) if so, what is the estimated amount ;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the Government have promised the public in regard to the construction of a bridge in this place ;

(*g*) if so, when the construction of this bridge will be taken up (detailed answers may be furnished to all the questions ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

A.—(*a*) and (*b*) Representations are being made in this matter for a long time past. Information regarding the exact period or number of petitions is not readily available.

(*c*) This subject was discussed in the District Conference held in 1938, 1940 and 1941. The District Board, Shimoga, resolved at their meeting held on 23rd May 1940 that the Board are not able to finance the scheme and that Government may meet the full cost of the bridge.

(*d*) and (*e*) No regular survey is made. Rough estimates are prepared. A bridge with a roadway of 12 feet costs about Rs. 12·5 lakhs. With a 20-feet road width it is expected to cost nearly Rs. 2½ lakhs.

(*f*) The question is under coasideration.

(*g*) When funds are available.

MR. D. V. HALAPPA (Kadur—Rural).—

Q.—122. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the works first approved and included in the five-year programme of roads and bridges of the Kadur District Board and undertaken by Government with the estimated cost in each case ;

(*b*) (i) the road works subsequently included in the programme with the estimated costs in each case ;

(ii) when such changes in the programme were made and the reasons therefor ;

(iii) whether there were any representations regarding the necessity for such works ;

(*c*) the road works that were carried out by the agency of the Public Works Department and by the Board itself and the outlay in each cases ;

(*d*) the amount of tools and plant charges paid by the Board to the Public Works Department every year on the works referred to in (*a*) and (*c*) ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

A.—(*a*) The five-year Railway Cess Fund programme approved in 1935 provided for the following works :—

	Rs.
Opening out new roads	1,40,000
Special repairs of roads	40,000
4 Enhanced grants for repairs to roads ...	40,000
Contribution towards construction of bridges and tunnels.	1,62,000
Total ...	3,56,000

Details of works are given in annexure (Statements 1 to 3).

(*b*) (i) (1) Deviating Tarikere-Hosadurga road from 3/12 to 7/12 beyond the Railway crossing at Ajjampur. Estimate Rs. 5,000.

(2) Pura-Antharpgacte road. Estimate Rs 5,000.

(ii) In 1938 while revising the programme. Owing to their importance, urgency and utility.

(iii) Yes.